

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 97-399-C - ORDER NO. 98-928  
NOVEMBER 20, 1998

IN RE:	Application of NTI Telecom, Inc. for a	)	ORDER DENYING
	Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	REINSTATEMENT
	Necessity to Provide Resold Interexchange	)	
	Telecommunications Services and Operator	)	
	Services within the State of South Carolina.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of NTI Telecom, Inc. (NTI or the Company) for reinstatement of its Application. This Application was dismissed at the appointed time for hearing when no one from the Company appeared to present its case.

NTI asks for reinstatement. It points out that prior to the September 15, 1998 hearing, the Company's legal counsel sent a letter to this Commission asking for a continuance, and explaining the Company's situation. We note that the letter is dated September 11, 1998, and that it was not received by us until September 21, 1998. The letter notes that NTI had filed a Chapter 11 Reorganization, and that the principals of NTI were scheduled to appear in Court on September 16, 1998. The Company felt that it was not feasible for it to appear in South Carolina on September 15, 1998.

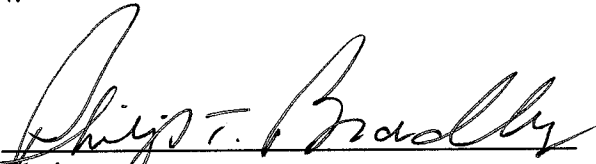
We do not think that the Company has stated good cause for a reinstatement of its Application. Counsel for NTI obviously waited too late to mail its letter requesting a continuance. Further, a telephone call could have been placed by the Company to inform

this Commission of the Company's status, but this was not done. We note that the hearing had already been postponed one time at the request of NTI.

We therefore deny the request for reinstatement of the Application. Order No. 98-718, which originally dismissed the Application, did so without prejudice. Therefore, the Company is free to file another Application.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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